

### **REMARKS**

Claims 5-7, 11-27, and 29-33 are pending in this application.

Applicants have amended claims 5-7, 11, 13, 15, 20, 23, and 29-33, and have canceled claims 1-4, 8-10, and 28. These changes do not introduce any new matter.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's prompt indication that claims 5-7, 11-27, and 29-33 define allowable subject matter. As will be explained in more detail, Applicants have amended the claims to place the subject application in condition for immediate allowance.

#### **Claim Amendments**

Applicants have rewritten each of claims 5-7, 11, 13, 15, 20, 23, and 29-33 in independent form. In light of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter set forth in the Office Action, each of claims 5-7, 11-27, and 29-33, as presented herein, defines allowable subject matter and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

#### **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

As noted above, Applicants have canceled claims 1-4, 8-10, and 28. As such, the rejection of claims 1-4, 8-10, and 28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Kuroyanagi* (US 6,597,469 B1) is moot.

#### **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of claims 5-7, 11-27, and 29-33, as amended herein, and submit that these claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at **(408) 749-6902**. If any additional

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fees are due in connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. ITECP010).

Respectfully submitted,  
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